

# The Secret Rapture that does not happen

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## Introduction

An update to this document is made as there is a **second method** that tells us there is only one rapture or resurrection that occurs at the end of the Tribulation that is based upon logic and other scripture, and not using Rev 6:9-11. This method is added later in this document.

In today's time there are a great number of shepherds and Bible teachers that are telling their congregations that they do not need to worry about the Tribulation that is coming, since they all will be taken or transformed or resurrected ahead of time and not have to go through it. If you buy into or accept this false doctrine and when it does not happen you have no one to blame but yourself, you let yourself be deceived.

The first major mistake is that all these people preaching this secret rapture theme think wrongly that they are the Philadelphia Church and that you are a member in the Philadelphia Church. Those who are members of the Philadelphia Church is covered in another study and these are a very small and select group, they are not any of the six mainstream Christian Churches one can easily identify in today's time. Even the members of this very, very, small Philadelphia Church are not raptured or resurrected or experience a transformation ahead of the Tribulation.

The Bible is written in such a manner that we are given information in order to clearly understand, but to do this you must very carefully and diligently study your Bible. Salvation issues are clear and easily found, however scripture on end time prophecy is fairly well hidden. In all cases of study and learning scripture one must empty their mind of all preconceived ideas and collect information from scripture on the same topic, collected in proper context, and then see what it is saying. To do this you need to be like a detective, collect the facts, same themes. found in the different books and verses of the Bible and they must all fit without exception, if they do then you will have found the correct understanding of that topic, or the truth of God's word.

Especially for end time prophecy you need to find the hidden clues and be able to logically put them together and make correlations in order to obtain a correct understanding. For some verses one might wonder why are we told that ? It is always there for a reason. Often these happen to be specific clues for understanding or what could also be called hidden gems. We need to find and use these clues in order to come to knowledge of whether there is a secret rapture and whether if it occurs, whether it happens before the Tribulation starts.

In my earlier studies when starting on prophecy, some scriptures seemed to make it appear that a secret rapture did appear correct based upon a number of a few select verses. Only after continued in depth and progressive study on prophecy was the Bible slowly opened more and more.

It finally all fell into place as the various clues were found. This document covers the logical progression of seeing how prophecy unfolds with respect to the topic of the secret rapture.

## First Step

The first step is being able to make the correlation between the plagues in Egypt to the plagues **at the end time**. Often in the Bible things are repeated or go in a cyclical manner. One needs to arrive at an understanding that there were 10 plagues that occurred in Egypt and that God's people were not protected over the first three. The protection of God's people against experiencing the effect of the plagues only occurred starting just before the fourth plague and occurred onward over the remaining seven plagues. Without this understanding a person will not be able to recognize the sequence of events allowing one to establish whether a secret rapture occurs. The end time plagues generally parallel the 10 plagues of Egypt and protection to God's people, the Saints only. This occurs just before the fourth plague, which is the first plague of the Tribulation, in the same manner as occurred in Egypt.

## Second Step

The second step is identifying the number of plagues occurring in the Tribulation period. A very few of those around you will be able to identify a total of 7 plagues occurring during the Tribulation period, which are associated with the seven trumpets, Rev 8,9,11. Others will be confused between the trumpets and the vials or bowels. Still others will be confused between the trumpets the seals being broken along with the vials. One will need to see the correlation between the trumpets and the vials in order to understand that there are 7 plagues and the trumpets and the vials occur together and in fact are the same plague being described slightly differently.

## Third Step

The third step is now identifying the other three plagues in order to see the total of 10 plagues being poured out on the world **at the end time**. Now one examines the breaking of the seals, Rev 6, focusing initially on the first four seals. The first seal heralds in a rider on a white horse with a crown and a bow. The second seal heralds a red horse with a rider who has a sword and takes peace from the earth. The third seal heralds in a black horse with a rider having a pair of balances. The fourth seal heralds in a pale or green horse which had death as the rider and hell followed, this horse and rider was given power over a fourth part of the earth. Here we have our three other plagues occurring before the Tribulation starts. The white horse refers to justice; it is a Nation of power going forth throughout the world, trying to keep justice and righteousness in balance, keeping the war monger nations at bay, this horse and rider is the U.S.A. and it precedes the first plague but also continues to overlap the following plagues, diminishing as time evolves.

Note in God's word, **white** is **always** used as **righteous**. The first plague is the red horse signifying war, the aggressive nations wanting to conquer and taking peace from the world, these would mainly be Russia, China, Turkey, Iran and North Korea. The second plague is the black horse signifying famine throughout the world, this is just starting to occur with erratic weather and altered insect behaviour. The third plague is the pale horse signifying death by war, famine, and pestilence occurring all together, this has not yet occurred as when it does a cumulation of 2 billion people in the world will be killed just before the start of the Tribulation. These now identify the other three plagues of God coming upon the world in the times of sorrow, these precede the Tribulation period. Now we have identified the **Ten plagues of God** at the end of the world or the end time, three in the times of sorrow and seven in the Tribulation.

## Fourth Step

The fourth step is following on with the breaking of the rest of the seals. There are seven seals so three more need to be broken. The fifth seal is a major hidden clue that one needs to find and it is combined with the sixth seal as being a second major clue. The fifth seal and what we are told in scripture seems irrelevant at first reading, but it is in fact the hidden gem that tells us that there is no secret rapture ahead of the Tribulation. These are in Rev 6.

**Rev 6:9** And when he had opened the **fifth seal**, I saw under the altar the souls of them that were slain for the word of God, and for the testimony which they held:

**Rev 6:10** And they cried with a loud voice, saying, How long, O Lord, holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth?

**Rev 6:11** And white robes were given unto every one of them; and it was said unto them, that they should **rest yet for a little season**, until their fellowservants also and their brethren, that **should be killed as they were, should be fulfilled**.

Without these scriptures, Rev 6.9-11, we would normally not be able to establish whether or not a special resurrection occurs before that which occurs at the end of the Tribulation, with one exception that will be covered shortly.

Next we jump to Rev 8 to find the breaking of the seventh and last seal. The last seal heralds in the angels with the seven trumpets. This now starts the remaining 7 plagues during the Tribulation to be poured out. Now one can see the sequence of the 10 plagues so we need to go back and carefully examine the fifth and sixth seals that are our major clues. Examining the sixth seal first, it announces the start of the Tribulation period. There will be no mistaking this event with the activity from the heavens and the earthquakes and the movement of mountains and islands. It is God announcing to the world that the Tribulation period is about to start. Shortly after this the seventh seal is broken and the remaining 7 plagues start. Going back to the fifth seal, it tells us of the martyrs under the altar in heaven asking how long until they are avenged. They are told to wait a little season until their fellow servants and brethren are killed and join them. Recognizing this is occurring just before the Tribulation starts, these that are dead are told that they will not be

resurrected until those that are killed through the Tribulation join them. This gives us the major understanding we need to establish and understand that there is not a secret rapture.

## Fifth Step

In order to understand further what is happening at the fifth seal we need to go to scripture given to us elsewhere. In the end time we are told that the transformation or resurrection occurs with the dead rising first, then followed by those that are alive.

**1Th 4:16** For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:

**1Th 4:17** Then we which are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.

Note that Yeshua's words in many verses are clear, that the transformation in the full sense of its meaning is being born again or one is changed into spirit which in turn is called a resurrection. This is when one becomes the same as the angels. Spirit is spirit and flesh is flesh. In the two resurrections that occur according to the Bible, those that are taken as Christ's will be changed into spirit and given eternal life. When changed into spirit we learn one will be able to transform back and forth from spirit into flesh. The Christian Churches often say that when you repent and walk forward you are now born again, but that is just a figure of speech which really means you now walk forward as a new person no longer sinning, you leave the old person behind along with your previous bad habits but you are still flesh. To complete this action you are to repent and are to follow and obey Yeshua in your walk forward.

The dead martyrs under the altar not being resurrected until the end of the Tribulation prevents any that are alive to be resurrected until after all the dead are resurrected. God is organized and has assigned an order to those being resurrected. Therefore there is no secret resurrection ahead of the Tribulation. The resurrection occurs at the end of the Tribulation at Christ's second coming in the clouds. It is at this time that those that are living that passed God's test and those that are living of the Philadelphia Church are all resurrected following right after those that were dead Saints and that come up out of the graves. Right after the resurrection of the Saints, Yehsua (Jesus) returns to earth placing His feet on the Mount of Olives, at this time all His Saints come with Him. God is logical and orderly, His word is clear.

## Sixth Step

We can go one step further for more confirmation on the sequence of events that occur starting at the beginning of the Tribulation. The sealing of God's people occurs some time after the sixth seal is broken and before the seventh seal is broken. The seventh seal announces the first trumpet being sounded along with the fourth plague coming upon the world at the start of the Tribulation.

**Rev 7:1** And after these things I saw four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that the wind should not blow on the earth, nor on the sea, nor on any tree.

**Rev 7:2** And I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea,

**Rev 7:3** Saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.

This parallels the Israelites being protected before the fourth plague in Egypt. Therefore all those of God's people now having to pass through the Tribulation period, made their decision not to take the mark of the beast, not to compromise. They did this just before the Tribulation starts, those of God's people will have decided to go forward properly with trust in the LORD and are now sealed. The sealing occurs just after the Tribulation has started but before the fourth plague is poured out. Other scripture in Revelations tells us the reason for sealing God's people, being done to protect them from God's plagues.

## Another method of logic with other scriptures

The second method showing us that that only one resurrection occurs at the end of the Tribulation is now added, based upon logic and some other select scriptures. The following verses tell us that **during the Tribulation** a number of Saints will be killed as martyrs.

**Rev 2:10** Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast *some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto **death**, and I will give thee a crown of life.*

**Rev 17:6** And I saw the woman drunken with the **blood of the saints**, and with the **blood of the martyrs of Jesus**: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

**Rev 13:15** And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that **as many as would not worship** the image of **the beast** should **be killed**.

**Rev 7:13** And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

**Rev 7:14** And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came **out of great tribulation**, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

God's seal in marking those people that passed his test just before the Tribulation started, give those people protection from the Plagues that God brings down upon the world, but not protection from the evil people in the world. This parallels the marking of God's people in the time of the Exodus. Those that are resurrected and given white robes at the end of the Tribulation, coming out of the Tribulation, are the Saints, composed of both the dead martyred and the still living Saints, when Yeshua returns at the end of the Tribulation.

Further Yeshua tells us what will occur in the end time or the time when He returns, that persecution of the Saints will cause some to be put to death. This speaks to the times that the wrath of God is coming down upon the entire world, the time of the 10 plagues.

**Mar 13:11** But when they shall lead *you*, and deliver you up, take no thought beforehand what ye shall speak, neither do ye premeditate: but whatsoever shall be given you in that hour, that speak ye: for it is not ye that speak, but the Holy Ghost.

**Mar 13:12** Now the brother shall betray the brother to death, and the father the son; and children shall rise up against *their* parents, and shall cause them to be **put to death**.

**Mar 13:13** And ye shall be hated of all *men* for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.

With the above scriptures we must also add 1Th 4:16-17, which tells us of the order of those being resurrected. **The dead rise first**, followed after by those that are alive. So based upon these scriptures we know some Saints are killed or martyred throughout the Tribulation and they must rise before those that remain alive. The logic of using these scriptures show that even with out understanding and using Rev 6:11, there is no resurrection until the end of the Tribulation. Understand that the resurrection that Yeshua is coming to fulfil is that of gathering the remainder of His Saints only. It is not a resurrection of the Churches of today as they do not meet the conditions of being one of the Saints, it is only of those in the 6 Christian Churches of today that pass the test that God brings down upon the entire world that become the Saints and are resurrected by Yeshua when He returns in the clouds at the end of the Tribulation. Everything is there in scripture.

## Summary

There is no secret rapture or resurrection that occurs before the Tribulation. So who are these of God's people that are sealed and going through the Tribulation period ? These are those coming out of all the six mainstream Christian Churches throughout the world in today's time. There is a 7<sup>th</sup> Christian Church in today's time, it is the Complete Bible followers, often referred to as Messianic Christians. These are a very few scattered individuals that are throughout the entire world. These are the ones that are very hard to find and have little strength. They are the

Philadelphia Church of today. In order to understand who the very, very, small and select group that meets the requirements of being members of the Philadelphia Church, one needs to study accurately and in depth who the Saints are and what qualifies them for being accepted by God as Saints. Yes there is something special that happens to this very small group of those alive, in the Philadelphia Church, before the Tribulation starts, but it is not a secret rapture or resurrection. Understand that 99.9% of those in the mainstream Christian Churches of today are not members of the Philadelphia Church and therefore if alive when the Tribulation starts, they will have to go through it unless they change in correcting themselves as Yeshua told them in His letters to the six Churches. If they change correctly they will then join the Philadelphia Church but they must make this change ahead of the start of the Tribulation while there is still sufficient time. Making the change will not be easy, it will need to be worked on well ahead of the start of the Tribulation, it will not occur suddenly but rather take a considerable amount of time to adjust and grow into it.

There will be many in the six Christian Churches that fall away as the end time approaches, mainly as a result of following those pastors that tell them not to worry as they will be taken and that they will not have to go through the Tribulation. Many will not even recognize what is happening in the times of sorrows. For when things become extremely difficult with the first three plagues of God all acting together and continually becoming more and more severe, they will be thinking that they are already in the Tribulation. Understand that over the first three plagues, God's people are not protected and will suffer along with the rest of the world.

In order to understand the sequence of how things unfold in the end time the following time line schematic is given. This schematic was developed based solely on scripture, understanding the Holy Days and correlations with scriptures on the same themes.

## Schematic of Tribulation Time Line

### Beginning of sorrows

First seal – Conqueror, righteous

**First Plague**    Second seal - No peace, wars, fighting                      *Ezekiel's War ? No!*

**Second Plague**    Third seal - Famine

**Third Plague**    Fourth seal – Famine, War, Pestilence    ¼ population of world killed

Fifth seal – martyrs under altar    *Collection Living Saints – place of refuge or put to sleep*

### Start Trib

Anti-Christ pact with Israel

*seven year period starts*

Sixth seal – earthquake – sun black, mountains & Islands moved                      Eclipse ?

**Sealing of God's people (now protected)**    **Interlude**, 144,000 sealed - great multitude

Seventh seal- **silence in heaven**                      golden censer - 7 angles with trumpets

**Fourth Plague (first of Trib)**    **1<sup>st</sup> Trumpet** - hail, fire, blood 1/3 trees burnt

1<sup>st</sup> vial - sores

**Fifth Plague**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpet** – Mountain into sea, sea becomes blood 1/3 sea dead, 1/3 ships destroyed

*Peace in Israel*

2<sup>nd</sup> vial – sea becomes blood

Sixth Plague

*Altar & Temple made*    **3<sup>rd</sup> Trumpet** – Stars fall on 1/3 rivers

3<sup>rd</sup> vial – rivers and springs turn to blood

Seventh Plague

**4<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** – 1/3 sun, moon, stars

4<sup>th</sup> vial – sun burns people with fire

*Abomination sits in Temple*

**Mid Point Tib**

**3.5 years left**    Eclipse ??

*Woman flees, Satan thrown down to earth*

**3 Woes start**

*Beast arises*

Eighth Plague

**5<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** - Smoke & Demon locusts from pit

*Two witnesses*

**First Woe passed**

5<sup>th</sup> vial – plunges kingdom of beast into darkness

Ninth Plague

**6<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** - 200 million demonic riders from Euphrates 1/3 men killed

6<sup>th</sup> vial - Dries up Euphrates - preparation for Armageddon

**Two woes passed**    *Two witnesses called to Heaven*

**End Trib**

*End of 7 year Tribulation*

**Thlrd Woe**

*Beast and Anti-Christ thrown into lake of fire*

Eclipse??

Tenth Plague

**7<sup>th</sup> Trumpet** – Kingdom of world taken by the Lord - 2<sup>nd</sup> coming

World armies destroyed    Armageddon

7<sup>th</sup> vial - Judgment on world, great earthquake    ***Ezekiel's war***

*Satan locked in bottomless pit*

**Destruction of all unrighteous**

**Start of Millennium**

Gathering of all Israelites throughout world, bringing back to land of israel

*Yeshua rules with the saints out of Jerusalem, rule is with a rod of iron, torah is enforced upon all*

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